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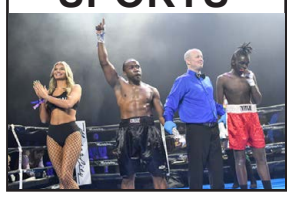

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El aclamado fotógrafo mexicoestado-unidenses Carlos Díaz logra un Grand Slam con su magnífica exhibición

Por Ámbar Ogden

La exposición World Series Street Portraits 1984, que se inaugurará el próximo 23 de marzo en el Museo Histórico de Detroit, transportará a los visitantes al verano en que los Detroit Tigers ganaron la Serie Mundial. Marcando un momento inolvidable en la historia del béisbol, los Detroit Tigers consiguieron una victoria histórica, triunfando sobre los San Diego Padres cuatro juegos a uno. Este evento quedará grabado para siempre en la memoria de los fanáticos y jugadores del béisbol, en parte gracias al aclamado fotógrafo Carlos Díaz.

Decidido a capturar la cruda emoción de los fanáticos, los peatones e incluso de los vendedores ambulantes que ofrecían productos de los Tigres; Díaz tenía un plan en el que capturaría la alegría desenfrenada y el triunfo en las calles de la ciudad; aprovechando su entorno, haciéndolo parte de sus retratos.

"Era una época en la que los Tigres hacían bailar a la gente en las calles de Detroit, siendo diferente al año anterior, cuando solo se hablaba de la gran criminalidad, razón por la que ganar la serie sería un acontecimiento que haría que el estar en Detroit se convirtiera en algo emocionante", comentó Díaz.

Para lograr la toma perfecta, Díaz se presentaba, se acercaba a quien quería fotografiar, entablaba una conversación y finalmente, le pedía permiso para tomarle la foto. Hacía que las personas se sintieran cómodas frente a la cámara.

"Es por eso que los retratos que viste son de naturaleza frontal. La persona está mirando a la cámara, y eso era lo único que pedía, que miraran al lente de la cámara… Quería esa conexión directa, la cámara o yo, con la persona, el espectador y la persona. Cuando miras una fotografía, no puedes evitar que los ojos te devuelvan la mirada" Mencionó Díaz.

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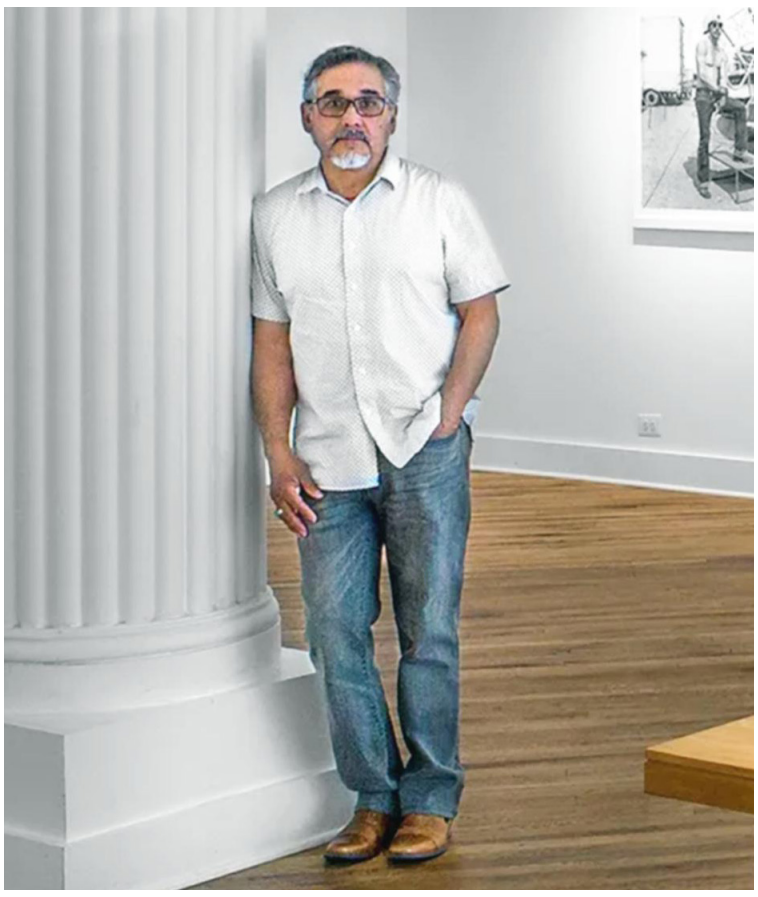

(photo on right) Carlos Diaz. Photo courtesy of Carlos Diaz Photography

Acclaimed Mexican American Photographer Carlos Diaz Scores a Grand Slam with Anticipated Exhibit

By Amber Ogden

Opening March 23 at the Detroit Historical Museum, the World Series Street Portraits 1984 exhibition will transport guests back to the summer when the Detroit Tigers won the World Series. Marking an unforgettable moment in baseball history, the Detroit Tigers clinched a historic victory, triumphing over the San Diego Padres four games to one. This event will forever be etched in baseball fans and players' memories, partly thanks to the acclaimed photographer Carlos Diaz.

Determined to capture the raw emotion of fans, passersby, and even the street vendors selling Tigers memorabilia, Diaz had a well-thought-out plan to capture the unbridled joy and triumph throughout the city streets. He wanted to take advantage of the environment and make that part of his portraits.

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Latina CEO is leading Southwest Detroit Business Association into the Future

By Estefania Arellano-Bermudez
Photos by Marvin Shaouni

Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din, the new President and CEO of the Southwest Detroit Business Association, walks into the conference room of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation; dressed in all red - red lipstick, red eyeglasses, and a red dress paired with black leather boots – the room shifts when she walks in. She's there to meet representatives from Huntington Bank. As a new CEO, she's determined to bring money and resources into her community.

Chavez starts her day jolting from one meeting to the next—each a web of ideas and pitches to bring attention to the work being done in Southwest Detroit.

First on the agenda is a tour of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC), then a trip to SDBA's office at 7752 Vernor Hwy. Then, back to DHDC for a meeting with the Southwest Detroit Small Business Service Providers, and off to a local Mexican restaurant for a marketing meeting. In the evening, there's a 4th Precinct community relations council meeting and a National Black MBA Association General Membership Meeting. This is a typical Tuesday for Chavez.

Southwest Detroit Business Association was established in 1957 to support local businesses along the W. Vernor corridor and in the neighborhoods. Chavez stepped into the role of interim director fifteen months ago, but in December, she was officially made the first Latina to hold the position of CEO in the organization's 67-year history.

"The recent appointment of a Latina as president of SDBA marks a milestone in our collective journey toward empowerment. It symbolizes inclusivity and progress," said Luz Viviana Meza, Director of Operations for the Michigan Hispanic Collaborative.

Like Southwest Detroit, Chavez has been underestimated. Her life has been a series of challenges, many heart-wrenching and difficult to overcome. At three years old, she was taken from her abusive mother and put in the foster care system. At 14, Chavez became homeless, sleeping in the restroom at Clark Park until an aunt she barely knew took her in for a month. Afterward, Chavez couch-surfed in the homes of high school friends and distant relatives.

She always knew college was in her cards, and by ninth grade, Chavez began applying for scholarships. With an inner strength built from years of surviving, and with the help of mentor and respected community leader Mary Barella, Chavez applied to Wayne State University to study bicultural/ bilingual education with an English as a second language certificate.

"I knew I was put on this Earth for something better, and all these challenges just made me ready for it," Chavez said.

Chavez is taking the helm at Southwest Detroit Business Association at a pivotal time. Michigan Central Station, slated to open June 6, 2024, is part of a $740 million renovation project by the Ford Motor Company. The renovation package includes 1.2 million square feet of office space and retail that will dramatically impact roads, housing, and business in Southwest Detroit.

The organization is also in the middle of its own major development project. La Joya Gardens, on W. Vernor Hwy, will have 53 residential and ground-floor retail units.

New CEO Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din peers out over the W. Vernor commercial corridor, a primary focus of her mission as the new CEO of the Southwest Detroit Business Association.

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Carlos Diaz Exhibit

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"It was a time when the Tigers had the people of Detroit dancing in the streets. It was unlike the year before, when Detroit was being talked about because of its crime rates. So winning the series was a big deal. It was really an exciting time to be in Detroit," Diaz says.

For the perfect shot, Diaz would introduce himself first, walk up to a person he wanted to photograph, engage in a conversation with them, and eventually ask for their permission to take their picture. Making the subjects feel comfortable in front of the camera.

"That's why the portraits that you saw are very frontal in nature. The person is looking into the camera, and that's the only thing that I would ask of the subject, which was to look into the lens of the camera," Diaz said. "I wanted that direct connection, the camera or me, to the subject, the viewer, and the subject. When you're looking at a photograph, you can't avoid the eyes looking back at you."

Raised as a first-generation Mexican American, Diaz's parents left their homeland during the bloody conflict of the Mexican Revolution, seeking refuge in the United States and eventually settling in Michigan. Growing up, Diaz had a unique cultural perspective on the challenges and opportunities that arise from being part of a community striving for success.

"My father told me stories about how his family left Mexico and almost immediately began picking crops from Texas to Michigan," Diaz said. "My father remembers traveling back and forth from Texas to Michigan and finally ending up where my grandfather bought a farm in Saginaw, Michigan."

Diaz's education and professional journey has been marked by milestones, including his role as the former Chair of the Photography Department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. His impressive teaching career spanned 37 years. Diaz shared his vast knowledge and expertise with numerous students. His teaching journey began at Bowling Green State University and the University of Michigan School of Art in Ann Arbor (now known as the Penny Stamps School of Art), where he was also a student.

As this year's Tigers' Opening Day approaches, for many baseball fans, this sport is more than just a game; it is a time to continue age-old traditions or start new ones. Fans will always remember attending their first game or getting their ball signed by their favorite player. The sights, sounds, and smells of a baseball game are unique and evoke nostalgia that can transport you.

"One thing that photography does is serve as a time capsule," Diaz said. "While spending time with the portraits, I hope the audience will begin to feel what it might have been like that summer of 1984 with all the excitement and fervor in the streets of Detroit."

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The exhibition of Diaz' works will be open to the public from March 23 to November 17, 2024 at the Detroit Artists Showcase on the second floor of the Detroit Historical Museum. Along with Street Portraits, the museum will showcase some 1984 World Series souvenirs to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Tigers' World Series Championship.

Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202

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Carlos Díaz exhibición

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Criados como mexicoestadounidenses de primera generación, los padres de Díaz dejaron su tierra natal durante el sangriento conflicto de la Revolución Mexicana, buscando refugio en los Estados Unidos y finalmente estableciéndose en Michigan. Al crecer, Díaz tuvo una perspectiva cultural única sobre los desafíos y oportunidades que surgen, al ser parte de una comunidad que lucha por el éxito.

"Mi padre me contó historias sobre cómo su familia salió de México y casi de inmediato comenzó a cosechar desde Texas hasta Michigan", dijo Díaz. "Mi padre recuerda viajar de ida y vuelta de Texas a Michigan y finalmente terminar donde mi abuelo compró una granja en Saginaw, Michigan."

La educación y el recorrido profesional de Díaz han estado marcados por hitos, incluido su papel como exdirector del Departamento de Fotografía de la Facultad de Estudios Creativos de Detroit. Su impresionante carrera docente abarcó 37 años. Díaz compartió su vasto conocimiento y experiencia con numerosos estudiantes. Su trayectoria docente comenzó en la Universidad Bowling Green State y en la Escuela de Arte de la Universidad de Michigan en Ann Arbor (ahora conocida como Escuela de Arte Penny Stamps), donde también fue estudiante.

Se acerca la Inauguración de los Tigres de este año y para muchos fanáticos del béisbol, este deporte es más que un simple juego; es un momento para seguir las tradiciones familiares o comenzar otras. Los fanáticos siempre recuerdan el primer juego al que asistieron o recibir el balón autografiado por su jugador favorito. Las vistas, sonidos y olores de un partido son únicos y evocan una nostalgia que puede transportarte.

"Una cosa que hace la fotografía es servir como una cápsula del tiempo... Mientras están viendo los retratos, espero que el público comience a sentir cómo fue ese verano de 1984 con toda la emoción y el fervor en las calles de Detroit."

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La exposición de las obras de Díaz estará abierta al público del 23 de marzo al 17 de noviembre de 2024 en el Detroit Artists Showcase en el segundo piso del Museo Histórico de Detroit. Junto con Street Portraits, el museo exhibirá algunos recuerdos de la Serie Mundial de 1984 para conmemorar el 40 aniversario del Campeonato de la Serie Mundial de los Tigres.

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Aztec Myth Of The Sun

Aztec Myth Of The Creation Of The Sun

At a time when the world was immersed in darkness, the Aztec gods gathered in Teotihuacan and asked themselves who was going to take on the task of illuminating the world. The rich and presumptuous Tecciztécatl declared: "I will do it." But another candidate was needed. The gods then appointed, perhaps to mock him, poor Nanahuatzin, who suffered from a serious skin disease, but whom he accepted.

While the Gods lit a great fire in a "divine oven," each of the two heroes retired to the top of a pyramid to dedicate themselves for four days to asceticism and the performance of certain rites. The offerings of the first were lavish, those of the second laughable. But while the first offered false red coral spines, the second offered real spines inked with his own blood. Before the final test, each one prepared according to his means, the first with pomp and the second miserably.

Then, the gods formed in two rows, forming a kind of avenue leading to the divine brazier. Each candidate had to run between the two rows and throw themselves into the flames. Tecciztécatl tried in vain on four occasions, but each time he lacked courage. The poor man from Nanahuatzin, braver, took the first step, thus winning the test. His rival, spurred on by shame, followed him into the flames, whose ardor had diminished. An eagle and a jaguar rushed after him, hence the custom of calling brave warriors "jaguar-eagles."

Then came a long moment during which the gods waited for the first dawn. Finally, the sky began to lighten everywhere and the gods wondered in which direction the sun would rise. Quetzalcóatl, Tótec and the countless Mimixcoa, as well as four goddesses were the few who guessed that it would emerge from the east.

At last, Nanauatzin, transformed into the sun, appeared resplendent. Tecciztécatl soon followed, transformed into the moon. The two stars shone almost the same as each other. The gods were so surprised that one of them threw a rabbit in the face of the moon, which thus lost its brilliance.

But neither the sun nor the moon had the strength to move. The gods then decided that it was preferable to give their lives to cheer up the sun than to live miserably among the common people. Ehécatl, the wind, was in charge of sacrificing them, one after another.

Once all the gods were dead, the sun remained motionless, but then the wind, blowing violently, forced it to move. The moon was left behind, and since then both stars have walked separately.

Teotihuacan, whose name means "place of apotheosis," was considered the site par excellence for the deification of the dead. It is a grandiose archaeological site in the north of the Valley of Mexico, where two large pyramids stand, which the 16th century Aztecs called the pyramid of the sun and the pyramid of the moon. These two monuments date back to the first centuries of our era; The site had been abandoned for 700 years when Sahagún collected this legend. At that time the builders of the pyramids had become part of the myths and not the slightest historical record remained of them. The ruins still had an aura of prestige, but it would be risky to say that the legend that prevailed then corresponded to the destiny foreseen by the missing builders.

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Creación del sol Azteca

Mito Azteca de la Creación del sol

En una época en que el mundo estaba sumergido en las tinieblas, los dioses se reunieron en Teotihuacan y se preguntaron quién iba a tomar a su cargo la tarea de iluminar al mundo. El rico y presuntuoso Tecciztécatl declaró: "Yo lo haré." Pero era necesario otro candidato. Los dioses designaron entonces, tal vez para burlarse, al pobre de Nanahuatzin, que padecía una grave enfermedad de la piel, pero que aceptó.

veces le faltó valor. El pobre de Nanahuatzin, más valiente, se lanzó a la primera, ganando así la prueba. Su rival, azuzado por la vergüenza, lo siguió a las llamas, cuyo ardor había disminuido. Un águila y un jaguar se lanzaron tras él, de donde la costumbre de llamar a los guerreros valientes "águilas-jaguares".

Vino entonces un largo momento durante el cual los dioses esperaban la primera aurora. Finalmente, el cielo comenzó a clarear por todas partes y los dioses se preguntaron en qué dirección saldría el sol. Quetzalcóatl, Tótec y los innumerables Mimixcoa, así como cuatro diosas

Mientras los dioses encendían un gran fuego en un "horno divino", cada uno de los dos héroes se retiró a la cúspide de una pirámide para consagrarse durante cuatro días al ascetismo y a la realización de ciertos ritos. Las ofrendas del primero eran fastuosas, las del segundo risibles. Pero mientras que el primero ofrecía falsas espinas de coral rojo, el segundo ofrecía verdaderas espinas entintadas con su propia sangre. Antes de la prueba final, cada uno se preparó según sus medios, el primero con pompa y el segundo miserablemente.

Luego, los dioses se formaron en dos filas, formando una especie de avenida que conducía al brasero divino. Cada candidato debía correr entre las dos filas y lanzarse a las llamas. Tecciztécatl lo intentó en vano en cuatro ocasiones, pero todas las

fueron los pocos que adivinaron que saldría por el este.

Al fin, Nanauatzin, convertido en el sol, apareció resplandeciente. Pronto le siguió Tecciztécatl, convertido en la luna. Los dos astros brillaban casi lo mismo uno que el otro. Los dioses estaban tan sorprendidos que uno de ellos lanzó un conejo a la cara de la luna, que perdió así brillantez.

Pero ni el sol ni la luna tenían fuerza para moverse. Los dioses decidieron entonces que era preferible dar su vida para animar al sol que vivir miserablemente entre el pueblo común. Ehécatl, el viento, se encargó de sacrificarlos, uno tras otro. El último fue Xólotl, quien, para tratar de escapar a la muerte, se transformó inútilmente en un tallo de maíz doble llamado xólotl, en un agave doble llamado mexólotl y en un batracio llamado axólotl.

Una vez muertos todos los dioses, el sol seguía inmóvil, pero entonces el viento, soplando con violencia, lo forzó a entrar en movimiento. La luna se quedó atrás, y desde entonces ambos astros caminan separadamente.

Teotihuacan, cuyo nombre significa "lugar de la apoteosis, se consideraba el sitio por excelencia para la divinización de los muertos. Se trata de un sitio arqueológico grandioso del norte del Valle de México, donde se alzan dos grandes pirámides, que los aztecas del siglo XVI llamaban pirámide del sol y pirámide de la luna. Estos dos monumentos se remontan a los primeros siglos de nuestra era; el sitio estaba abandonado desde hacía 700 años cuando Sahagún recogió esta leyenda. En esa época los constructores de las pirámides habían pasado a formar parte de los mitos y no quedaba de ellos el menor registro histórico. Las ruinas tenían todavía un aura de prestigio, pero sería aventurado afirmar que la leyenda que prevalecía entonces correspondiera al destino previsto por los constructores desaparecidos.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,

by Mariana Ayón RV

Latina CEO

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"Creating more affordable housing and density within Southwest is necessary to prevent gentrification and rising rents that exceed residents' income," said Greg Mangan, Real Estate Advocate at SDBA. "We need to create more housing of all types and varieties, which (is) necessary to keep up with the demand so that people that live here and want to stay here, can remain here."

With the NFL Draft in Detroit next month, Chavez is determined to make Southwest Detroit a hotspot. According to Forbes, 312,000 people attended the 2023 Kansas City NFL Draft, which generated $164.3 million for Kansas City. If this year's Draft in Detroit sees similar numbers, the implications could be huge for local Latino businesses.

As she charts out the organization's future, Chavez lists three main priorities for SDBA. One is to continue collaborating with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Detroit to create safe trails alongside natural corridors for walking, biking, and cycling.

Also, Chavez is working to turn Southwest Detroit into a tourist destination. The community is flush with murals, food vendors, tiendas, and restaurants galore. She wants to use authentic Mexican flavors and rich Latino culture to entice visitors.

Third, Chavez is passionate about youth. COMPÁS—Center Of Music & Performing Arts Southwest—is funded by SDBA and provides arts education for the youth at no cost to the community.

"People don't understand why SDBA has a youth component. These are our future leaders, future entrepreneurs," Chavez said.

Excited about the future, she says she is fueled by the love for the community that raised her.

"I worked for several family-owned businesses in Southwest Detroit. It was because of their generosity and love that molded me into the woman I am today," Chavez said. "I want people to say, 'She gave it her all. She gave it 100%.' (I hope) this business corridor continues to thrive, that these businesses are given the resources that they justly deserve."

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History Celebrated at Mental Health Agency's New Administration Building

On Friday, March 8, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) celebrated the opening of an exciting new chapter in holistic care in Wayne County by dedicating its new offices for executive, administrative, program staff and a board room. The new building, located at 8726 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's North End neighborhood, is tailor-made for the community with meeting space and training rooms throughout the facility.

"DWIHN has experienced exponential growth and continues to deliver quality behavioral healthcare services in Detroit and Wayne County," said DWIHN President/CEO Eric Doeh, "The work and community spaces must accommodate and complement our efforts to meet the ever-increasing needs of those we serve."

The DWIHN workforce, with close to 600 employees, has seen steady growth in recent years and continues to provide quality behavioral healthcare services throughout Wayne County.

"Detroit residents deserve access to quality mental health resources and now they can be connected to services, right here on Detroit's North End," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "DWIHN's commitment to behavioral healthcare will now be supported by a beautiful administrative building with the capacity to house their team and provide community members with a safe space to learn about important resources."

In 2022, DWIHN began a $14 million construction/renovation project on its new Administration Building, taking time, consideration and gathering input from neighborhood partners and staff as to what to include in the space that would be beneficial to all while honoring the integrity of the historic structure.

"As the county commissioner representing the area where the new administration building is located and a proud member of DWIHN's Board of Directors, I am thrilled to see this innovative space come to life. This new workspace will not only enhance the delivery of quality behavioral healthcare services, but also serve as a symbol of our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our 43 communities. DWIHN's dedication to holistic care is truly commendable, and I look forward to the positive impact it will have on the residents we serve," according to Jonathan C. Kinloch, Wayne County Commissioner - District 2

DWIHN President and CEO Eric Doeh cuts the ceremonial ribbon to open the agency's new Administration Building. Doeh was joined by Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, City Council President Mary Sheffield and many community and neighborhood leaders. Eva Garza Dewaelsche, President and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit and publisher of EL CENTRAL, front row, far left, is a DWIHN Board member appointed by Mayor Duggan and Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. Photo courtesy of the City of Detroit

The former Utley Branch Library, built in 1913, is filled with heritage and history. The design team took great care to preserve the charm of the space, restoring period-specific architectural features, from copper cornices to terrazzo flooring. DWIHN is excited to be a mainstay in Detroit's North End, revitalizing this building and expanding our footprint with jobs and offering community services for years to come.

"DWIHN will endeavor to be a good neighbor and partner as our offices will host trainings from Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Prevention to critical Narcan trainings to reverse overdoses and stave off the opioid crisis that has ravaged our communities throughout the nation," said Doeh.

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The Michigan Community Service Commission is pleased to announce the 2024 Governor's Service Awards application process is open. The Governor presents these prestigious awards to recognize individuals and organizations for their tremendous volunteer and philanthropic efforts.

The award ceremony is an inspirational event that acknowledges the valuable and important contribution of volunteering and giving to the social, cultural, economic, and environmental well-being of Michigan communities. It pays tribute to those whose efforts inspire and promote the spirit of volunteerism and giving through their exemplary endeavors.

We encourage you to tell the story of those who are doing incredible things! Last year, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Community Service Commission announced the 43 winners who were honored at the 2023 Governor's Service Awards at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

2024 Nominations are due April 5. To submit a nomination, visit the Governor's Service Awards application website at https://www.research.net/r/2024GovernorServiceAwards

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SPORTS

Sports Editor: Dan Graschuck/ EL CENTRAL

This past Saturday, before a sell out crowd, promoter Carlos Llinas, of CLIP Productions, presented Night of the Knockouts, at the Sound Board, at the Motor City Casino.

Night of the Knockouts held a 10 bout boxing event.

In bout #1 (4 rounds, super welterweight), Christopher Thompson (Flint, MI) defeated Mason Partlow (Killeen, TX) by TKO in the second round (1:10), in bout #2 (4 rounds, super middleweight), Ashaun Bates (Kalamazoo, MI) defeated Katriel Young (Kalamazoo, MI) by unanimous decision, in bout #3 (4 rounds, middleweight), Kevin Carrce Jr. (Warren, MI) defeated Darius Carr (Chicago, IL) by TKO in the first round (1:47), in bout #4 (4 rounds, light heavyweight), Cory Mulhern (Inkster, MI) defeated David Carr Jr. (Chicago, IL) by KO in the first round (1:19), in bout #5 (4 rounds, light heavyweight), Tadale Harris (Inkster, MI) defeated Brendan Kortz (Kalamazoo, MI) by TKO in the first round (2:59), in bout #6 (4 round, super middleweight), Lamar Bolden (Monroe, LA) defeated Justin Johnson (Lansin, MI) by TKO in the third round (1:10), in bout #7 (6 round, welterweight), Justin Lacey-Pierce (Grand Rapids, MI) defeated Tray Martin (Colombia, MO) by split decision, in bout #8 (6 round, Jr lightweight), Samuel Rizzo (Farmington Hills, MI) defeated Nikolai Buzolin (training in Florida) by unanimous decision, in bout #9 co-main event (4 round, welterweight), Savannah Tini (Troy, MI) defeated Timmecia Phillips (Kalamazoo, MI) by TKO in the first round (1:39), in bout #10 co-main event (8 round, WBC Silver Cruiser Weight Championship), Derick Miller (Monroe, MI) defeated Adrian Taylor (Dallas, TX) by unanimous decision.

Photos below are highlights from some of the bouts during the Night of the Knockouts at the Sound Board at the Motor City Casino

Photos by Adam J. Dewey

Derick Miller (Monroe, MI; Now 16-0, 8 KOs) defeats Adrian Taylor (Dallas, TX; Now 13-3-1) by unanimous decision to win the WBC Silver Cruiserweight Championship Title belt

Savannah Tini (Troy, MI) defeats Timmecia Phillips (Kalamazoo, MI) by TKO 1:39 into the first round

Sam Rizzo (Farmington Hills, MI; Now 7-1, 5 KOs) defeats Nikolai Buzolin (Tyumen, Russia, training in Florida) by unanimous decision in a bloody six round junior lightweight bout. Standing witih Rizzo is Jackie Kallen (in white shirt, and manager of Sam Rizzo. Jackie Kallen will be inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame this coming June) and promoter Carlos Llinas of CLIP Promotions (in black shirt)

Sam Rizzo (Farmington Hills, MI; Now 7-1, 5 KOs) defeats Nikolai Buzolin (Tyumen, Russia, training in Florida) by unanimous decision in a bloody six round junior lightweight bout. The bleeding was caused by unintentional head butts by both fighters

Justin Lacey-Pierce (on left, Grand Rapids, MI; Now 5-0, 3 KOs) wins by unanimous decision over Tray Martin (on right, Colombia, MO)

Kevin Carree Jr. (Warren, MI) claims his first professional victory over Darius Carr (Chicago, IL) by way of TKO 1:47 into the first round

LE ROUGE RETURNS

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Pateando la No. 5

SPORTS

David Levine
EL CENTRAL

Just days ahead of Detroit City FC's opening game of the 2024 USL Championship season the club had two major announcements. First, defender Matt Lewis suddenly retired from professional soccer "due to family matters." The experienced defender has been one of the cornerstones of the back line since the club turned professional. Although he had some significant injuries during his time with the club, he will be remembered and as a pillar of the side that won a NISA Championship and qualified for the USL playoffs in back-to-back years. His departure gives new manager Danny Dichio some questions ahead of the opening match in Colorado Saturday night.

The second announcement will be one that pleases fans across the area and throughout Michigan. The club reached an agreement with CBS Detroit to broadcast all eligible home and away matches on either CBS Detroit 62 or Detroit50. Supporters across the state will also be able to stream matches for free on cbsnews.com/detroit. A club statement on the deal said, "This broadcast partnership solidifies Detroit City FC as the most viewer-accessible professional sports team in Michigan."

DCFC will also appear on national television five times this year, four of them home games at Keyworth Stadium. Four of the games will be on the CBS Sports Network and the other will be on ESPN2. Nationally, USL Championship games will be streamed on CBS Sports Golazo and ESPN+. It's a big season for the league with the ESPN and CBS deals increasing the exposure of lower division soccer far more than it has ever been in the past.

The arrival of Danny Dichio as the new manager in place of Trevor James and the changes in personnel from the off-season make picking the starting eleven for the first game a challenge. Certainly Dichio has his selection in mind by this time. Nate Steinwascher remains the number one goalkeeper. Stephen Carroll is the club captain and leader of the defense. Maxi Rodriguez is the creative hub in midfield. Depending on form and Dichio's preferred alignment, the club has quite a bit of flexibility.

Dichio has brought in new faces, young and old. The youth includes 21 year old defender Alex Villanueva, who already has 95 first team appearances at the MLS and USL Championship levels. On the veteran side, experience defender Matt Sheldon signed from Hartford. Both will now have a shot at more minutes now that Lewis has left the club.

Last year, DCFC scored the fewest goals in the league by some distance. It's not clear that Dichio has addressed the lack of firepower. The only change to the group of misfiring forwards is the arrival of Elvis Amoh from Harford. Amoh has a lot of USL experience, but has never been a contender for the league lead in goals. Skage Simonsen departed, having not provided many goals.

Most of the roster revamp has come in midfield. The reserve midfielders have left. In their place, Dichio has signed former US U20 international James Murphy. Murphy spent time in the Sheffield Wednesday academy before returning to North America and playing in MLS and the USL Championship. Once highly touted, Murphy played major minutes for Monterey Bay for the last two years and will look to build on that with DCFC. Ryan Williams and Ali Coote have joined from England and Ireland, where they have years of experience. They will provide depth and cover throughout the midfield. Daniel Espeleta joins the club from LA Force in NISA. A recent college player at Creighton, he also had a brief spell in the Costa Rican top division.

DCFC travels west to open the season Saturday night against the Colorado Springs Switchbacks. Then, the moment the Northern Guard and the rest of the fanbase has anticipated since October: the home opener on March 23 against Loudon United.

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EDITORIAL OPINION

La separación de familias no resolverá la crisis migratoria

Por José López Zamorano
Para La Red Hispana

Desde la más alta tribuna de la nación, en el Mensaje Sobre el Estado de la Unión (SOTU), el presidente Joe Biden dejó en claro a los republicanos que convertir a los migrantes más vulnerables en chivos expiatorios no resolverá la crisis migratoria que enfrenta Estados Unidos.

"No voy a demonizar a los inmigrantes diciendo que 'envenenan la sangre de nuestro país'. No voy a separar familias. No expulsaré a la gente de Estados Unidos por su fe", exclamó Biden ante un auditorio repleto de republicanos, algunos de los cuales lo abuchearon.

Pero los demócratas y una parte del público lo ovacionaron, entre estos se encontraba un puñado de Dreamers, que asistieron con invitados especiales de los legisladores de California, el senador Alex Padilla y del representante Lou Correa.

La escena ilustra el nivel de polarización existente en los Estados Unidos en el tema electoral en la recta final hacia las elecciones presidenciales del 5 de noviembre.

Los republicanos, quienes han acatado las órdenes de Donald Trump de no darle al Biden un triunfo en el año electoral, insisten en endurecer la política migratoria con las medidas más duras de la era Trump: separar familias, restricciones al asilo, a la libertad condicional humanitaria (parole) y completar el muro.

Por ese motivo bloquearon el acuerdo migratorio bipartidista del Senado que incluía, según les recordó Biden, recursos suficientes para la contratación de 4,300 agentes para procesamiento de casos de asilo 1,500 agentes fronterizos y más de 100 jueces de inmigración para acelerar el un plazo de 6 meses la resolución del rezago de 2 millones de casos.

En contraparte, en el más puro estilo propagandístico, la derecha buscar explotar el terrible asesinato de la joven Laken Riley, donde el principal sospechoso es un indocumentado venezolano, para implicar que los indocumentados traen debajo del brazo criminalidad a las calles de Estados Unidos.

Biden se vio forzado a apartarse discurso para responderle a la republicana de Georgia Marjorie Taylor-Green que le exigían hablar del caso de la joven Riley, y le recordó que en efecto esa muerte pudo haber sido provocada por un indocumentado, pero que muchos más crímenes son cometidos por personas legales en Estados Unidos. Las estadísticas respaldan al presidente.

Unos días después de su mensaje a la nación, el presidente Biden envió al congreso una ambiciosa petición presupuestal para el año fiscal 2025 que incluye casi 26,000 millones de dólares para lidiar con el problema de la migración y la crisis de fentanilo que enfrentan los Estados Unidos.

Sí demócratas y republicanos no han logrado ponerse de acuerdo para el presupuesto del año anterior 2024, no hace falta tener una bola de cristal para saber lo que va a ocurrir con la petición presupuestal de la Casa Blanca.

¿Qué puede hacer la diferencia? La respuesta es clara: un cambio en la aritmética política a raíz de las elecciones del 5 de noviembre, dónde se renueva el Congreso y la Casa Blanca. Y para eso, tu voto cuenta, porque cada voz importa y al final de la película cada uno de nosotros lo puede ayudar a escribir.

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Detroit Health Department Helping Residents to Prevent the Spread of Measles

• Confirmed cases now reported in Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland Counties
• Vaccine recommended for everyone ages one and over, within 72 hours of exposure

The Detroit Health Department is recommending all Detroiters take precautions to protect against measles, a very serious respiratory illness that can lead to complications and even death. Measles is a highly contagious virus that can live in the air for up to two hours. One case has been confirmed in each of the following counties: Wayne, Washtenaw, and Oakland. All incidents to date are associated with international travel. The Detroit Health Department is working closely with the state of Michigan and Wayne County health officials to monitor and track cases.

"We want Detroiters to put their trust in the Detroit Health Department, and we will do everything we can to keep them safe," said Chief Public Health Officer, Denise Fair Razo. "The Health Department is working diligently to stay ahead of this health concern, and as cases are increasing, we will continue to provide updates and guidance on best practices to prevent the spread of measles."

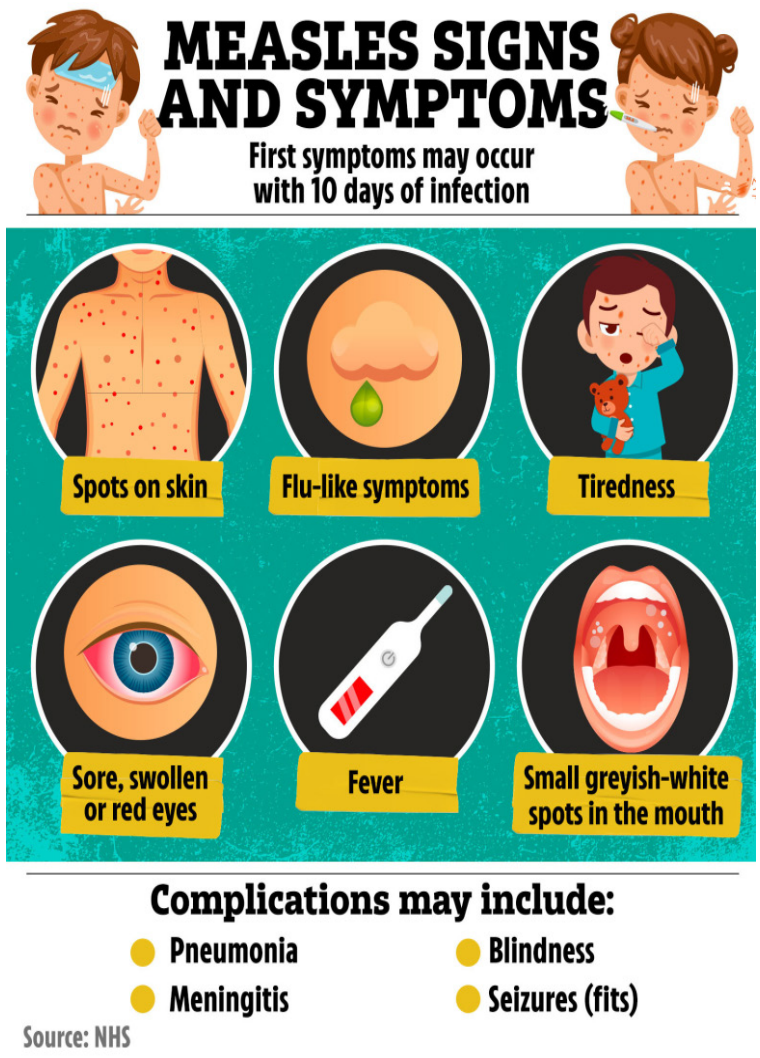
In an effort to ensure Detroiters are remaining healthy, the Detroit Health Department is partnering with local providers to emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of a measles outbreak, as well as offering the measles vaccination and communicating directly with parents to provide education.

"We want everyone to stay safe and encourage all Detroiters to get vaccinated, especially children. Measles is preventable with a vaccine, even up to 72 hours after someone is exposed," said Dr. Claudia Richardson, Medical Director for the Detroit Health Department. "The measles vaccine is part of the MMR two-dose vaccine that also protects against mumps and rubella. It is recommended for everyone ages one year and older. If you have questions, please talk to your healthcare provider or call the Health Department."

Symptoms appear seven to 14 days following exposure to the virus, and can include cough, a fever that can be very high (up to 104 degrees and over), and a rash of itchy red spots that starts on the face and spreads to other parts of the body. There is no cure for measles. It can be dangerous, especially for babies, young children, adults 20 and over, people who are pregnant and severely immunosuppressed individuals.

Anyone who believes they may have been exposed to measles should monitor themselves for symptoms for 21 days. If symptoms develop, call ahead before visiting a doctor, urgent care, or emergency room so precautions can be taken to avoid exposing others. Individuals who have received two doses of measles vaccine (MMR) are considered immune. Additionally, adults born before 1957 or who have had measles are considered immune. For children, the first dose of MMR vaccine is routinely given at about 12 months of age, and the second starting at 4 years of age.

The Detroit Health Department offers vaccinations for measles and all childhood vaccination series, plus COVID-19, flu, and RSV at its Immunizations Clinic at 100 Mack Avenue. Hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Late hours are available on the first and third Thursday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Further details are available on our website: www.detroitmi.gov/health or call 313-876-IMMS (4667).



El Departamento de Salud de Detroit ayuda a los residentes a prevenir la propagación del sarampión

• Casos confirmados ahora reportados en los condados de Wayne, Washtenaw y Oakland
• Vacuna recomendada para todas las personas de un año o más, dentro de las 72 horas posteriores a la exposición.

El Departamento de Salud de Detroit recomienda a todos los habitantes de Detroit que tomen precauciones para protegerse contra el sarampión, una enfermedad respiratoria muy grave que puede provocar complicaciones e incluso la muerte. El sarampión es un virus altamente contagioso que puede vivir en el aire hasta dos horas. Se ha confirmado un caso en cada uno de los siguientes condados: Wayne, Washtenaw y Oakland. Todos los incidentes hasta la fecha están asociados con viajes internacionales. El Departamento de Salud de Detroit está trabajando estrechamente con los funcionarios de salud del estado de Michigan y del condado de Wayne para monitorear y rastrear los casos.

"Queremos que los habitantes de Detroit confíen en el Departamento de Salud de Detroit y haremos todo lo posible para mantenerlos seguros", dijo la directora de salud pública, Denise Fair Razo. "El Departamento de Salud está trabajando diligentemente para adelantarse a este problema de salud y, a medida que aumenten los casos, continuaremos brindando actualizaciones y orientación sobre las mejores prácticas para prevenir la propagación del sarampión".

En un esfuerzo por garantizar que los habitantes de Detroit se mantengan saludables, el Departamento de Salud de Detroit se está asociando con proveedores locales para enfatizar la importancia de estar preparados en caso de un brote de sarampión, además de ofrecer la vacuna contra el sarampión y comunicarse directamente con los padres para brindar educación.

"Queremos que todos estén seguros y alentamos a todos los habitantes de Detroit a vacunarse, especialmente a los niños. El sarampión se puede prevenir con una vacuna, incluso hasta 72 horas después de que alguien haya estado expuesto", dijo la Dra. Claudia Richardson, directora médica del Departamento de Salud de Detroit. "La vacuna contra el sarampión es parte de la vacuna MMR de dos dosis que también protege contra las paperas y la rubéola. Se recomienda para todas las personas mayores de un año. Si tiene preguntas, hable con su proveedor de atención médica o llame al Departamento de Salud".

Los síntomas aparecen de siete a 14 días después de la exposición al virus y pueden incluir tos, fiebre que puede ser muy alta (hasta 104 grados o más) y una erupción de puntos rojos que pican y que comienza en la cara y se extiende a otras partes. del cuerpo. No existe cura para el sarampión. Puede ser peligroso, especialmente para bebés, niños pequeños, adultos mayores de 20 años, personas embarazadas y personas gravemente inmunodeprimidas.

Cualquiera que crea que pudo haber estado expuesto al sarampión debe controlarse para detectar síntomas durante 21 días. Si se desarrollan síntomas, llame con anticipación antes de visitar a un médico, atención de urgencia o sala de emergencias para que se puedan tomar precauciones y evitar exponer a otros. Las personas que han recibido dos dosis de la vacuna contra el sarampión (MMR) se consideran inmunes. Además, los adultos nacidos antes de 1957 o que hayan tenido sarampión se consideran inmunes. En el caso de los niños, la primera dosis de la vacuna MMR se administra de forma rutinaria aproximadamente a los 12 meses de edad y la segunda a partir de los 4 años de edad.

El Departamento de Salud de Detroit ofrece vacunas contra el sarampión y todas las series de vacunación infantil, además de COVID-19, gripe y RSV en su Clínica de Inmunizaciones en 100 Mack Avenue. El horario es de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a. m. a 4:30 p. m. El horario nocturno está disponible el primer y tercer jueves de cada mes, de 10:00 a. m. a 6:30 p. m. Más detalles están disponibles en nuestro sitio web: www.detroitmi.gov/health o llame al 313-876-IMMS (4667).

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- Bingo
- Game Truck
- Entertainment
- Arts & Crafts
- Football Activities
- Hustle Lessons and more!
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by Nora Chapa Mendoza

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Presented by
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Saturday
March 16, 2024
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